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ABSTRACT

This report contains data and descriptive analyses of social and economic characteristics of students in nursery schools through higher education. The figures are based on the Current Population Survey conducted in October 1975. Changes in school enrollment patterns for students attending nursery school through college by socioeconomic characteristics such as age, race, sex, and Spanish origin are presented in 12 figures and tables. Descriptive analyses are based on the following tables of statistical data: (1) school enrollment of the population three to 34 years old by level and control of school and race, October 1965 to October 1975; (2) school enrollment of the population three to 34 years old by age and sex, October 1965 to October 1975; (3) college enrollment of the population 14 to 34 years old by sex and race, October 1965 to October 1975; (4) college enrollment of the population 16 years old and over by age and sex, October 1970 to October 1975; (5) undergraduate enrollment by age, sex, and full-time status for undergraduates and two-year colleges, 1970-1975; and (6) enrollment of the population three to 34 years old, by age, sex, race, Spanish origin, and selected educational characteristics, October 1975. (Author/RM)

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INTRODUCTION

The total number of persons 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school in the fall of 1975 was 61 million students, 1 percent higher than in 1974. The net gain in the school population between 1974 and 1975 reflects a large increase in the college population, moderate increases in secondary schools and nursery schools,[1] no significant change in kindergartens, and declines in elementary school enrollment paralleling to a large extent shifts in the age structure of the population. Elementary enrollment declined by 680,000, or 2 percent, because the number of births in the United States declined in the early 1960's and has been reducing the number of children of school age since 1970.

Elementary and Preliminary Enrollment. There is some evidence that enrollment in nursery schools increased between 1974 and 1975 even though the number of 3- and 4-year old children decreased by 4 percent. The increase in enrollment among these preschool children during the past year occurred only in public nursery schools; enrollment in private nursery schools was about the same. In 1975 a larger proportion of nursery school students were enrolled in public schools than in 1974—one-third of nursery school students were enrolled in public schools in 1975 compared with about one-fourth in 1974. The enrollment rate of 3- and 4-year old children has been increasing steadily over the past 10 years; 32 percent of 3- and 4-year olds were enrolled in 1975 compared with 21 percent in 1970 and 11 percent in 1965 (table 2). This increased participation apparently has occurred because nursery schools are becoming more accessible to parents, and because parents are willing to enroll preschool children in formal educational programs.

The number of pupils in public elementary schools (kindergarten through 8th grade) was at about the same level in the fall of 1975 as in 1965 (about 30.0 million); but the enrollment in private elementary schools declined by about 30 percent during that period. The number of pupils enrolled in private elementary schools has remained at about 3.8 million since 1973. That level is down from the 5.5 million enrolled in private schools in 1965 and 4.5 million in 1970.

The decline in total elementary school enrollment (including kindergarten) during the past 10 years was partially offset by an increase in the participation of 5- and 6-year olds children in kindergartens. The number of students in kindergartens increased between 1965 and 1975 while the number of students in the first through eighth grades declined. The increased enrollment ratios of children at preschool ages may create new opportunities for teachers in a period when elementary schools have declining enrollment.

College Enrollment. The number of persons enrolled in college was 10.9 million persons in 1975, including 1.2 million persons 35 years old and over. This was a 10-percent increase since 1974 and one of the largest

[1] The net gain for secondary enrollment is significantly different at the 68 percent level of confidence while the net gain for nursery school enrollment is significantly different at the 95 percent level of confidence.

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numerical 1-year increases in enrollment during the past 10 years (table 1). The gain in college enrollment from 1974 to 1975 was due to a very large increase among full-time students, reversing the trends toward a greater proportion of part-time students observed between 1970 and 1974.[2] The increase between 1974 and 1975 occurred primarily among younger students who were enrolled in the first or second year of college (table 3).

Although the number of persons of college age continued to increase during the 1970's, a lower proportion of persons 18 and 19 years old (the usual ages of first entering college) have been enrolled in school than in the late 1960's (table 2).[3] For example, enrollment rates for civilian men 18 and 19 years old declined from 60 percent in 1968 to 46 percent in 1974. However, in 1975, when the unemployment rate for teenagers was the highest for several years,[4] the enrollment rates for men increased to 50 percent (table 2). Among women, the change between 1974 and 1975 in the proportion of those 18 and 19 years old enrolled in school was also significant. If enrollment rates for persons 16 to 34 years old had remained at the same level as in 1974, about 9.1 million persons 16 to 34 years old would have been in college in 1975 instead of the 9.7 million actually enrolled at those ages. Thus, changes in enrollment rates by age accounted for about 70 percent of the increase in college enrollment from 1974 to 1975.

There were nearly 1 million Black college students in 1975 (under age 35), an increase of 16 percent in 1 year (table 1). Black persons now account for 10 percent of all college students compared with about 7 percent in 1970 and 5 percent in 1965. Currently, Blacks represent 12 percent of all persons of college age (18 to 24 years old). College enrollment rates for Blacks are still slightly lower than for Whites in part because a lower proportion of Blacks 18 to 21 years old have graduated from high school and thus are not eligible for college enrollment. For example, 27 percent of Blacks 18 to 21 years old were not in school and had not graduated from high school compared with 15 percent for Whites. The college enrollment rate among high school graduates 18 to 21 years old was about the same for Blacks as for Whites—41 percent and 43 percent, respectively.

In the 5 years since 1970, college enrollment increased by 31 percent, due particularly to an increase in the number of women students (table 1). The number of women enrolled in college increased by 45 percent compared with 21 percent for men during this period. However, men still have higher enrollment rates than women in every relevant age group.

Another factor which accounts for the increased number of students in the past 5 years has been the growth of community, or two-year colleges which are less expensive and nearer to population centers than other institutions.[5] About one-half of the increase in undergraduates during the past 5 years occurred in two-year colleges. In this period, two-year college enrollment increased by about 50 percent while undergraduate enrollment in other colleges increased by 21 percent (table 5). Junior colleges attract persons who are older than other undergraduates and who are more likely to be enrolled part time. About one-half of undergraduates 25 to 34 years old were in junior colleges in 1975 compared with 38 percent in 1970, an increase of 166 percent in the number of 25-to 34-year-old undergraduates in two-year colleges in the 5-year period. Thus, the observed enrollment increases among persons over age 25 during the 1970's have occurred largely, but not exclusively, in two-year colleges.

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[2] The proportion of part-time students enrolled in college in 1974 and 1975 was significantly different at the 86 percent level of confidence.

[3] See **Current Population Reports**, Series P-20, No. 260, p. 2, for a discussion of the effects of the Armed Forces population on college enrollment rates from 1963 to 1972.

[4] **Employment and Earnings: November 1975.** U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Volume 22, No. 5, chart 9.

[5] C. Arnold Anderson, Mary Jane Bowman, and Vincent Tinto. **Where Colleges Are and Who Attends.** (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company), 1972.

Figure 1. School Enrollment of the Population 3 to 34 Years Old by Level: October 1965 to October 1975

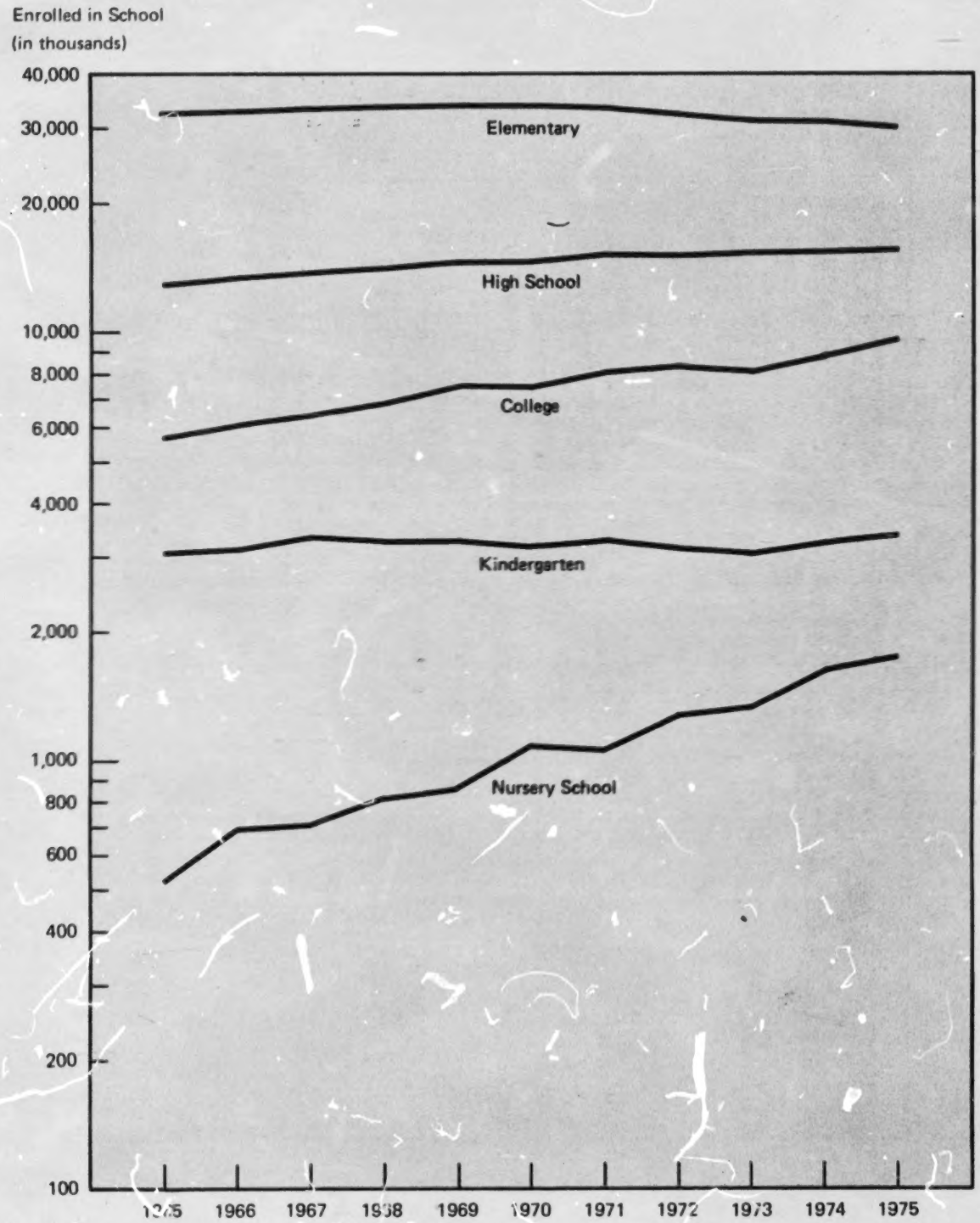


Figure 2. College Enrollment of the Population 16 Years Old and Over, by Age: October 1970, 1974, and 1975

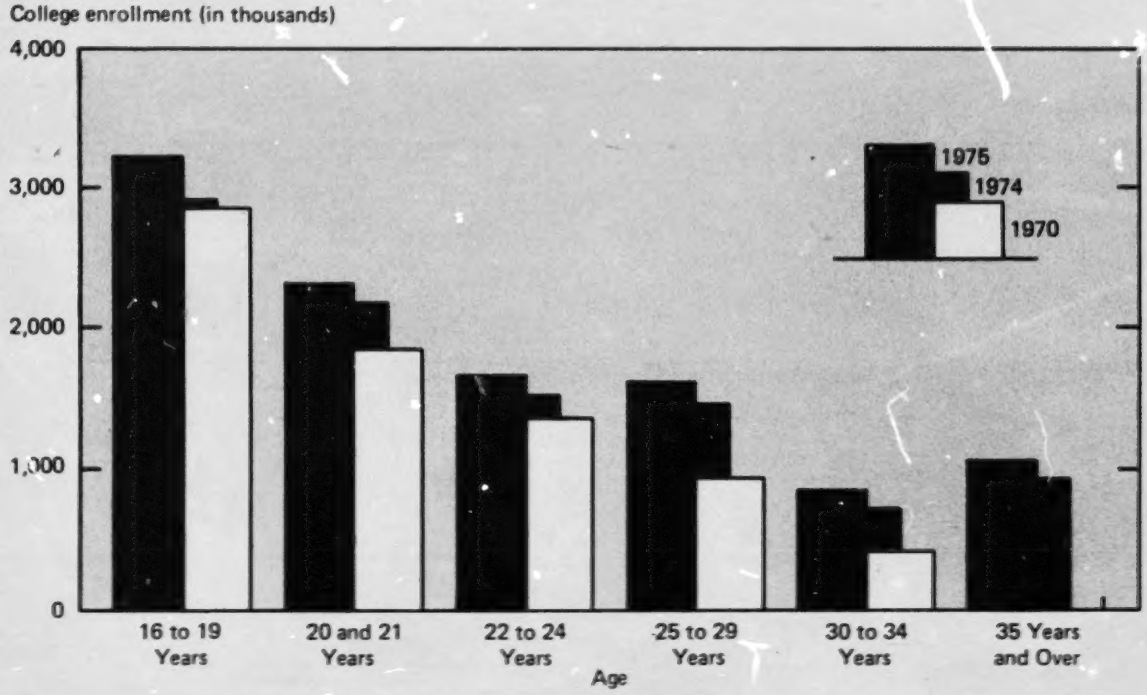
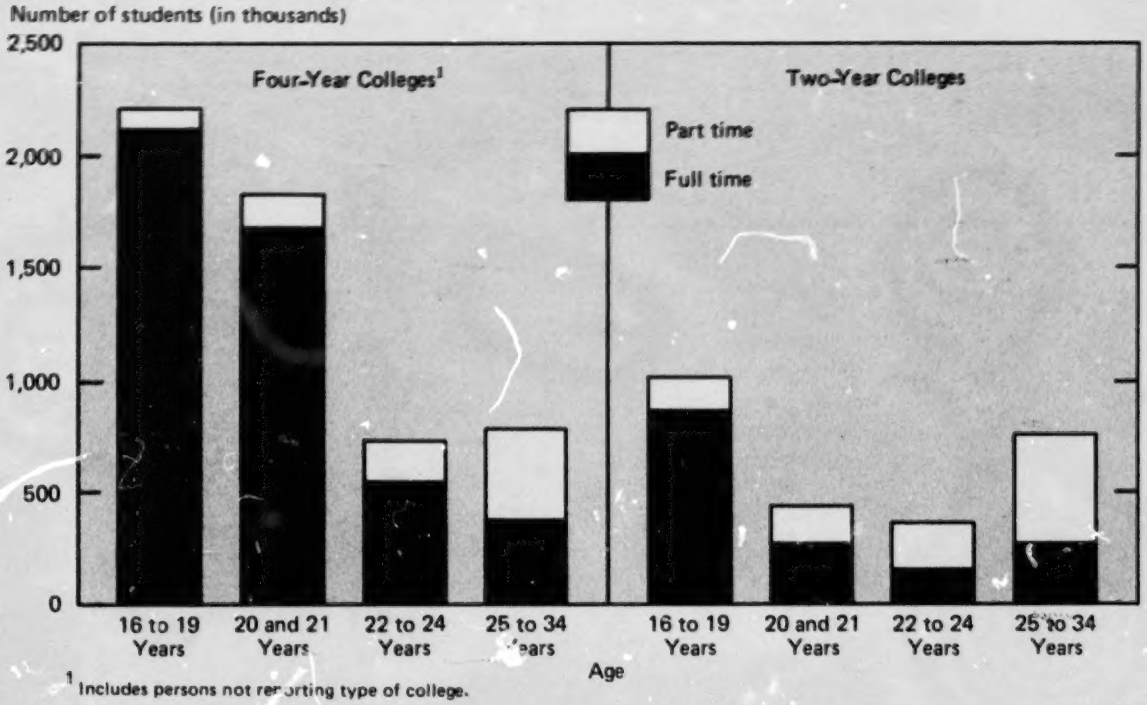


Figure 3. Undergraduate College Enrollment by Age and Full-Time Status for Four-Year and Two-Year Colleges: October 1975



[1] Includes persons not reporting type of college.

Figure 4. College Enrollment of the Population 14 to 34 Years Old by Race and Sex: October 1965 to October 1975

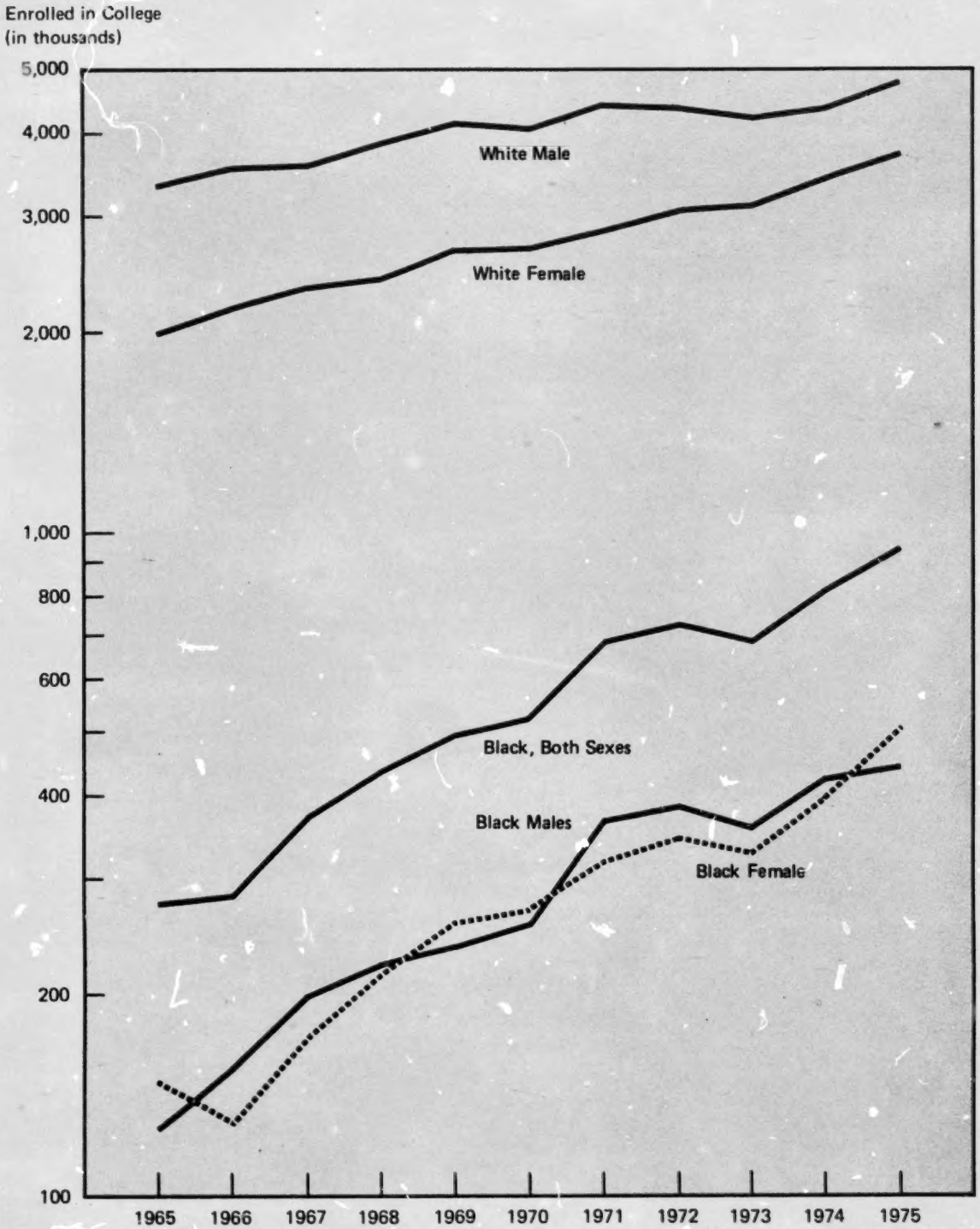


Table 1. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL OF SCHOOL AND RACE: OCTOBER 1965 TO OCTOBER 1975

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Level and control of school	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
ALL RACES											
Total enrolled	60,969	60,259	59,392	60,142	61,106	60,357	59,913	58,791	57,656	56,167	54,701
Nursery school	1,748	1,607	1,324	1,283	1,066	1,096	860	816	713	688	520
Public	574	423	400	402	317	333	245	262	230	215	127
Private	1,174	1,184	924	881	749	763	615	554	484	473	393
Kindergarten	3,393	3,252	3,074	3,135	3,263	3,183	3,276	3,268	3,312	3,115	3,057
Public	2,851	2,726	2,582	2,636	2,689	2,647	2,682	2,709	2,678	2,527	2,439
Private	542	526	493	499	574	536	594	559	635	588	618
Elementary school	30,446	31,126	31,469	32,242	33,507	33,950	33,788	33,761	33,440	32,916	32,474
Public	27,166	27,956	28,201	28,693	29,829	30,001	29,825	29,527	28,877	28,208	27,596
Private	3,279	3,169	3,268	3,549	3,678	3,949	3,964	4,234	4,562	4,706	4,878
High school	15,683	15,447	15,347	15,169	15,183	14,715	14,553	14,145	13,790	13,364	12,975
Public	14,503	14,275	14,162	14,015	14,057	13,545	13,400	12,793	12,498	11,985	11,517
Private	1,180	1,172	1,184	1,155	1,126	1,170	1,153	1,352	1,292	1,377	1,457
College	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401	6,085	5,675
Public	7,704	6,905	6,224	6,337	6,271	5,699	5,439	4,948	4,540	4,178	3,840
Private	1,994	1,922	1,955	1,976	1,816	1,714	1,995	1,854	1,861	1,908	1,835
Full time[1]	7,098	6,345	6,083	6,309	6,199	5,763	5,810	5,357	4,976	4,847	4,414
Percent	73.3	71.9	74.4	75.9	76.7	77.7	78.1	78.8	77.7	79.7	77.8
Part time[1]	2,592	2,476	2,090	1,999	1,883	1,650	1,625	1,444	1,425	1,238	1,261
WHITE											
Total enrolled	51,430	50,992	50,617	51,314	52,081	51,719	51,465	50,608	49,721	48,620	47,451
Nursery school	1,432	1,340	1,087	1,079	888	833	676	664	564	564	451
Public	392	293	242	285	225	198	136	163	134	127	93
Private	1,040	1,048	845	794	664	695	539	501	429	437	358
Kindergarten	2,845	2,745	2,584	2,633	2,735	2,706	2,803	2,775	2,840	2,693	2,648
Public	2,363	2,268	2,139	2,185	2,207	2,233	2,289	2,272	2,254	2,163	2,086
Private	483	477	445	448	527	473	515	504	587	530	562
Elementary school	25,412	26,051	26,531	27,185	28,187	28,638	28,572	28,634	28,415	28,012	27,679
Public	22,351	23,063	23,506	23,869	24,720	24,923	24,803	24,580	24,044	23,469	22,976
Private	3,059	2,990	3,025	3,316	3,466	3,715	3,768	4,054	4,371	4,542	4,703
High school	13,224	13,073	13,091	12,959	12,998	12,723	12,588	12,280	11,997	11,543	11,356
Public	12,112	11,966	11,967	11,876	11,937	11,599	11,502	11,007	10,769	10,312	9,961
Private	1,112	1,107	1,124	1,083	1,061	1,124	1,085	1,272	1,228	1,329	1,395
College	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905	5,708	5,317
Public	6,724	6,049	5,550	5,644	5,624	5,168	4,967	4,501	4,155	3,914	3,568
Private	1,792	1,732	1,773	1,814	1,650	1,591	1,860	1,753	1,750	1,795	1,749
Full time[1]	6,180	5,571	5,402	5,674	5,555	5,221	5,307	4,919	4,604	4,556	4,111
Percent	72.6	71.6	73.8	76.1	76.4	77.2	77.7	78.7	78.0	79.8	77.3
BLACK											
Total enrolled	8,400	8,215	7,834	7,959	8,178	7,829	7,680	7,448	7,196	[2]7,547	[2]7,252
Nursery school	276	227	210	185	151	178	170	132	140	125	72
Public	171	121	146	113	90	129	102	89	92	88	37
Private	105	106	64	72	61	49	68	43	47	37	35
Kindergarten	468	463	423	448	464	426	425	448	416	422	407
Public	426	416	391	402	422	374	361	397	375	364	353
Private	42	47	32	46	42	53	64	51	44	56	54
Elementary school	4,507	4,585	4,473	4,573	4,877	4,868	4,785	4,716	4,518	4,904	4,796
Public	4,344	4,455	4,277	4,382	4,712	4,668	4,633	4,569	4,444	4,739	4,620
Private	165	131	196	191	165	200	151	146	173	165	176
High school	2,199	2,125	2,044	2,025	2,006	1,834	1,808	1,718	1,651	1,721	1,619
Public	2,140	2,072	1,988	1,971	1,951	1,794	1,751	1,656	1,605	1,673	1,556
Private	59	54	56	54	55	41	57	62	46	48	62
College	948	814	684	727	680	522	492	434	370	282	274
Public	782	659	537	582	532	422	372	359	280	(NA)	(NA)
Private	166	155	147	145	148	100	120	75	90	(NA)	(NA)
Full time[1]	740	588	536	525	536	427	401	338	271	210	218
Percent	78.2	72.4	78.3	72.3	78.5	81.8	81.5	77.9	73.2	74.5	79.6

NA Not available.

[1]Includes only persons 16 to 34 years old.

[2]Enrollment figures in nursery school, kindergarten, elementary school, and high school, are for Black and other races. College enrollment figures refer to Black only.

Table 2. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE AND SEX: OCTOBER 1965 TO OCTOBER 1975

(Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age and sex	Percent enrolled										
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
Total, 3 to 34 years	53.7	53.6	53.5	54.9	56.2	56.4	57.0	56.7	56.6	56.1	55.5
3 and 4 years	31.5	28.8	24.2	24.4	21.2	20.5	16.1	15.7	14.2	12.5	10.6
5 and 6 years	94.7	94.2	92.5	91.9	91.6	89.5	88.4	87.6	87.4	85.8	84.9
7 to 13 years	99.3	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.3	99.3	99.4
14 to 17 years	93.6	92.9	92.9	93.3	94.5	94.1	94.0	94.2	93.7	93.7	93.2
18 and 19 years	46.9	43.1	42.9	46.3	49.2	47.7	50.2	50.4	47.6	47.2	46.3
20 and 21 years	31.2	30.2	30.1	31.4	32.2	31.9	34.1	31.2	33.3	29.9	27.6
22 to 24 years	16.2	15.1	14.5	14.8	15.4	14.9	15.4	13.8	13.6	13.2	13.2
25 to 29 years	10.1	9.6	8.5	8.6	8.0	7.5	7.9	7.0	6.6	6.5	6.1
30 to 34 years	6.6	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.0	2.7	3.2
Male, 3 to 34 years	56.0	56.0	56.1	57.8	59.3	59.7	60.5	60.4	60.0	59.7	58.8
3 and 4 years	30.9	28.1	24.5	24.4	20.0	21.2	15.5	15.4	14.2	12.3	10.2
5 and 6 years	94.4	94.4	92.2	91.7	90.9	88.9	87.7	87.3	86.6	85.3	84.9
7 to 13 years	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.1	98.9	99.0	98.9	98.9	99.1	99.2	99.3
14 to 17 years	94.6	93.3	93.7	94.0	95.3	94.8	95.0	95.0	94.7	94.4	93.6
18 and 19 years	49.9	45.8	47.9	51.2	55.4	54.4	59.4	60.4	56.3	57.8	55.6
20 and 21 years	35.3	[illegible]	34.4	37.3	38.9	42.7	46.5	45.0	44.3	41.4	37.6
22 to 24 years	20.0	1[illegible]	19.1	21.3	23.3	21.2	22.9	20.5	21.0	21.3	21.1
25 to 29 years	13.1	12.[illegible]	11.8	12.1	11.9	11.0	11.4	10.8	9.9	9.6	9.4
30 to 34 years	7.7	6.7	5.6	5.8	6.3	5.3	5.9	5.0	5.4	3.8	4.5
Female, 3 to 34 years	51.5	51.3	50.9	52.0	53.2	53.2	53.6	53.2	53.3	52.7	52.3
3 and 4 years	32.1	29.5	23.8	24.4	22.4	19.8	16.8	16.1	14.1	12.7	10.9
5 and 6 years	95.1	93.9	92.9	92.2	92.3	90.2	89.1	88.0	88.2	86.3	84.9
7 to 13 years	99.6	99.5	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.3	99.4	99.5	99.4
14 to 17 years	92.6	92.5	92.1	92.6	93.7	93.4	93.1	93.4	92.6	92.9	92.8
18 and 19 years	44.2	40.7	38.2	41.8	43.4	41.6	41.8	41.3	40.3	37.7	37.7
20 and 21 years	27.4	26.0	26.3	26.3	26.8	23.6	25.3	21.5	24.9	20.9	19.5
22 to 24 years	12.6	11.1	10.2	8.9	8.4	9.4	9.1	8.3	7.4	6.6	6.5
25 to 29 years	7.2	6.7	5.4	5.3	4.4	4.3	4.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.1
30 to 34 years	5.6	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.8	2.9	2.8	1.7	2.1

Table 3. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY SEX AND RACE: OCTOBER 1965 TO OCTOBER 1975

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Sex and race	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
ALL RACES											
Total, enrolled in college	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401	6,085	5,675
Male	5,342	4,926	4,677	4,853	4,850	4,[illegible]	4,448	4,124	3,841	3,749	3,503
Female	4,355	3,901	3,502	3,460	3,236	[illegible],013	2,987	2,677	2,560	2,337	2,172
Year of College											
First year	2,886	2,557	2,282	2,320	2,443	2,212	2,158	2,051	1,956	1,910	1,861
Second year	2,376	1,999	1,807	1,965	1,885	1,739	1,672	1,496	1,424	1,488	1,256
Third year	1,492	1,422	1,476	1,454	1,392	1,248	1,307	1,211	1,157	960	896
Fourth year	1,354	1,360	1,230	1,253	1,175	1,074	1,159	1,100	900	831	803
Fifth year or higher	1,589	1,490	1,385	1,322	1,192	1,140	1,138	944	963	895	859
WHITE											
Total, enrolled in college	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905	5,708	5,317
Male	4,774	4,367	4,218	4,397	4,407	4,066	4,146	3,843	3,560	3,536	3,326
Female	3,743	3,413	3,105	3,061	2,867	2,693	2,681	2,412	2,345	2,172	1,991
BLACK											
Total, enrolled in college	948	814	684	727	680	522	492	434	370	282	274
Male	442	422	358	384	363	253	236	221	199	154	126
Female	506	392	326	343	317	269	256	213	171	128	148

Table 4. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX: OCTOBER 1970 TO OCTOBER 1975

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age and sex	1975	1974	1970	Percent change	
				1974-1975	1970-1975
BOTH SEXES					
Total, 16 to 34 years	9,690	8,821	7,413	9.9	30.8
16 and 17 years	286	304	260	-5.9	10.0
18 and 19 years	2,943	2,597	2,594	13.3	13.5
20 and 21 years	2,313	2,192	1,857	5.5	24.6
22 to 24 years	1,679	1,527	1,354	10.0	24.0
25 to 29 years	1,616	1,482	939	9.0	72.1
30 to 34 years	853	720	410	18.5	108.0
35 years and over	1,183	1,025	(NA)	15.4	(NA)
MALE					
Total, 16 to 34 years	5,336	4,924	4,401	8.5	21.4
16 and 17 years	122	142	130	-14.1	-6.2
18 and 19 years	1,426	1,262	1,346	13.0	5.9
20 and 21 years	1,256	1,206	1,083	4.1	16.0
22 to 24 years	1,011	943	902	7.2	12.1
25 to 29 years	1,025	951	684	7.8	49.9
30 to 34 years	496	420	256	18.1	93.8
35 years and over	569	476	(NA)	19.5	(NA)
FEMALE					
Total, 16 to 34 years	4,354	3,898	3,013	11.7	44.5
16 and 17 years	163	162	130	0.6	25.4
18 and 19 years	1,517	1,335	1,248	13.6	21.6
20 and 21 years	1,058	986	774	7.3	36.7
22 to 24 years	668	584	452	14.4	47.8
25 to 29 years	590	531	255	11.1	131.4
30 to 34 years	357	300	154	19.0	131.8
35 years and over	614	548	(NA)	12.0	(NA)

NA Not available.

Table 5. UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT BY AGE, SEX, AND FULL-TIME STATUS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGES: 1970-1975

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age, sex, and status	1975		1970		Percent change, 1970-1975	
	Total undergraduate	Two-year colleges	Total undergraduate	Two-year colleges	Total undergraduate	Two-year colleges
UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT						
Total, 14 to 34 years	8,108	2,561	6,274	1,692	29.2	51.4
16 to 19[1] years	3,236	1,024	2,854	895	13.1	14.4
20 and 21 years	2,256	431	1,803	281	25.1	53.4
22 to 24 years	1,072	354	866	234	23.8	51.3
25 to 34 years	1,545	752	750	283	106.0	165.7
Male, 14 to 34 years	4,393	1,412	3,627	1,001	21.0	41.1
Full time	3,394	850	3,045	726	11.3	17.1
Part time	999	562	582	275	71.6	104.4
Female, 14 to 34 years	3,714	1,148	2,646	691	40.3	66.1
Full time	2,902	717	2,164	452	34.1	58.6
Part time	812	431	482	239	68.5	80.3
FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE						
Total, 14 to 34 years	6,296	1,567	5,208	1,177	20.7	33.1
16 to 19[1] years	2,987	865	2,685	786	10.9	10.1
20 and 21 years	1,958	274	1,628	197	20.3	39.1
22 to 24 years	696	155	591	114	17.8	36.0
25 to 34 years	655	274	301	80	117.6	242.5

[1]Includes 14- and 15-year-olds enrolled in college.

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1975

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Population	Enrolled in school						Not enrolled in school					
		Total		Below college level[1]		In college		Total		High school graduate		Not high school graduate	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
ALL RACES													
Total, 3 to 34 years	113,445	60,969	53.7	51,272	45.2	9,697	8.5	52,476	46.3	36,994	32.6	15,481	13.6
3 and 4 years	6,676	2,101	31.5	2,101	31.5	-	-	4,574	68.5	-	-	4,574	68.5
5 and 6 years	6,956	6,590	94.7	6,590	94.7	-	-	365	5.3	-	-	365	5.3
7 to 9 years	10,354	10,287	99.3	10,287	99.3	-	-	67	0.7	-	-	67	0.7
10 to 13 years	15,936	15,817	99.3	15,817	99.3	-	-	119	0.7	-	-	119	0.7
14 and 15 years	8,453	8,300	98.2	8,293	98.1	7	0.1	153	1.8	3	-	149	1.8
16 and 17 years	8,312	7,398	89.0	7,112	85.6	286	3.4	915	11.0	201	2.4	715	8.6
18 and 19 years	8,024	3,765	46.9	822	10.2	2,943	36.7	4,259	53.1	2,973	37.0	1,286	16.0
20 and 21 years	7,669	2,393	31.2	80	1.0	2,313	30.2	5,276	68.8	4,005	52.2	1,271	16.6
22 to 24 years	10,694	1,728	16.2	49	0.5	1,679	15.7	8,966	83.8	7,413	69.3	1,553	14.5
25 to 29 years	16,652	1,679	10.1	63	0.4	1,616	9.7	14,973	89.9	12,401	74.5	2,572	15.4
30 to 34 years	13,718	910	6.6	57	0.4	853	6.2	12,808	93.4	9,998	72.9	2,810	20.5
Male, 3 to 34 years	56,289	31,555	56.1	26,212	46.6	5,342	9.5	24,734	43.9	17,321	30.8	7,414	13.2
3 and 4 years	3,409	1,052	30.9	1,052	30.9	-	-	2,357	69.1	-	-	2,357	69.1
5 and 6 years	3,546	3,346	94.4	3,346	94.4	-	-	200	5.6	-	-	200	5.6
7 to 9 years	5,277	5,236	99.2	5,236	99.2	-	-	41	0.8	-	-	41	0.8
10 to 13 years	8,119	8,031	98.9	8,031	98.9	-	-	88	1.1	-	-	88	1.1
14 and 15 years	4,300	4,231	98.4	4,224	98.3	6	0.1	69	1.6	2	-	67	1.6
16 and 17 years	4,201	3,811	90.7	3,689	87.8	122	2.9	390	9.3	71	1.7	319	7.6
18 and 19 years	3,891	1,940	49.9	514	13.2	1,426	36.7	1,951	50.1	1,348	34.6	603	15.5
20 and 21 years	3,693	1,304	35.3	48	1.3	1,256	34.0	2,389	64.7	1,783	48.3	606	16.4
22 to 24 years	5,140	1,030	20.0	19	0.4	1,011	19.7	4,110	80.0	3,390	66.0	719	14.0
25 to 29 years	8,075	1,061	13.1	35	0.4	1,025	12.7	7,014	86.9	5,855	72.5	1,160	14.4
30 to 34 years	6,639	512	7.7	17	0.2	496	7.5	6,127	92.3	4,872	73.4	1,254	18.9
Female, 3 to 34 years	57,156	29,414	51.5	25,059	43.8	4,355	7.6	27,741	48.5	19,673	34.4	8,068	14.1
3 and 4 years	3,267	1,049	32.1	1,049	32.1	-	-	2,218	67.9	-	-	2,218	67.9
5 and 6 years	3,410	3,244	95.1	3,244	95.1	-	-	166	4.9	-	-	166	4.9
7 to 9 years	5,078	5,051	99.5	5,051	99.5	-	-	27	0.5	-	-	27	0.5
10 to 13 years	7,817	7,786	99.6	7,786	99.6	-	-	31	0.4	-	-	31	0.4
14 and 15 years	4,153	4,070	98.0	4,068	98.0	1	-	83	2.0	1	-	82	2.0
16 and 17 years	4,112	3,587	87.2	3,423	83.3	163	4.0	525	12.8	129	3.1	396	9.6
18 and 19 years	4,133	1,825	44.2	309	7.5	1,517	36.7	2,308	55.8	1,625	39.3	683	16.5
20 and 21 years	3,976	1,089	27.4	32	0.8	1,058	26.6	2,887	72.6	2,222	55.9	664	16.7
22 to 24 years	5,554	697	12.6	29	0.5	668	12.0	4,857	87.4	4,023	72.4	834	15.0
25 to 29 years	8,577	618	7.2	28	0.3	590	6.9	7,959	92.8	6,546	76.3	1,412	16.5
30 to 34 years	7,079	398	5.6	40	0.6	357	5.0	6,681	94.4	5,126	72.4	1,555	22.0
WHITE													
Total, 3 to 34 years	96,815	51,430	53.1	42,913	44.3	8,516	8.8	45,385	46.9	32,985	34.1	12,401	12.8
3 and 4 years	5,518	1,697	30.8	1,697	30.8	-	-	3,821	69.2	-	-	3,821	69.2
5 and 6 years	5,795	5,494	94.8	5,494	94.8	-	-	301	5.2	-	-	301	5.2
7 to 9 years	8,654	8,600	99.4	8,600	99.4	-	-	54	0.6	-	-	54	0.6
10 to 13 years	13,387	13,292	99.3	13,292	99.3	-	-	95	0.7	-	-	95	0.7
14 and 15 years	7,145	7,023	98.3	7,020	98.3	3	-	122	1.7	3	-	118	1.7
16 and 17 years	7,043	6,289	89.3	6,040	85.8	249	3.5	754	10.7	159	2.3	594	8.4
18 and 19 years	6,855	3,185	46.5	573	8.4	2,613	38.1	3,670	53.5	2,665	38.9	1,005	14.7
20 and 21 years	6,593	2,097	31.8	54	0.8	2,042	31.0	4,496	68.2	3,521	53.4	975	14.8
22 to 24 years	9,255	1,506	16.3	44	0.5	1,461	15.8	7,749	83.7	6,581	71.1	1,169	12.6
25 to 29 years	14,578	1,459	10.0	48	0.3	1,410	9.7	13,119	90.0	11,080	76.0	2,039	14.0
30 to 34 years	11,993	788	6.6	51	0.4	737	6.1	11,205	93.4	8,975	74.8	2,229	18.6
Male, 3 to 34 years	48,347	26,785	55.4	22,011	45.5	4,774	9.9	21,563	44.6	15,563	32.2	6,000	12.4
3 and 4 years	2,825	871	30.8	871	30.8	-	-	1,954	69.2	-	-	1,954	69.2
5 and 6 years	2,963	2,796	94.4	2,796	94.4	-	-	167	5.6	-	-	167	5.6
7 to 9 years	4,423	4,388	99.2	4,388	99.2	-	-	35	0.8	-	-	35	0.8
10 to 13 years	6,838	6,767	99.0	6,767	99.0	-	-	71	1.0	-	-	71	1.0
14 and 15 years	3,645	3,590	98.5	3,587	98.4	3	0.1	55	1.5	2	0.1	53	1.4
16 and 17 years	3,569	3,249	91.0	3,141	88.0	108	3.0	320	9.0	58	1.6	262	7.3
18 and 19 years	3,343	1,657	49.6	374	11.2	1,283	38.4	1,686	50.4	1,228	36.7	458	13.7
20 and 21 years	3,202	1,164	36.3	30	0.9	1,134	35.4	2,038	63.7	1,573	49.1	465	14.5
22 to 24 years	4,505	926	20.5	16	0.4	909	20.2	3,579	79.5	3,012	66.9	567	12.6
25 to 29 years	7,159	936	13.1	26	0.4	911	12.7	6,223	86.9	5,277	73.7	946	13.2
30 to 34 years	5,875	440	7.5	14	0.2	426	7.3	5,435	92.5	4,412	75.1	1,022	17.4
Female, 3 to 34 years	48,468	24,645	50.8	20,902	43.1	3,743	7.7	23,823	49.2	17,422	35.9	6,401	13.2
3 and 4 years	2,693	826	30.7	826	30.7	-	-	1,867	69.3	-	-	1,867	69.3
5 and 6 years	2,831	2,697	95.3	2,697	95.3	-	-	134	4.7	-	-	134	4.7
7 to 9 years	4,231	4,211	99.5	4,211	99.5	-	-	19	0.5	-	-	19	0.5
10 to 13 years	6,549	6,525	99.6	6,525	99.6	-	-	23	0.4	-	-	23	0.4
14 and 15 years	3,500	3,433	98.1	3,433	98.1	-	-	67	1.9	1	-	66	1.9
16 and 17 years	3,474	3,040	87.5	2,899	83.4	141	4.1	434	12.5	101	2.9	333	9.6
18 and 19 years	3,512	1,529	43.5	198	5.6	1,330	37.9	1,983	56.5	1,436	40.9	547	15.6
20 and 21 years	3,391	933	27.5	24	0.7	908	26.8	2,458	72.5	1,948	57.5	510	15.0
22 to 24 years	4,750	580	12.2	28	0.6	552	11.6	4,170	87.8	3,569	75.1	601	12.7
25 to 29 years	7,419	522	7.0	23	0.3	500	6.7	6,897	93.0	5,803	78.2	1,094	14.7
30 to 34 years	6,118	348	5.7	37	0.6	311	5.1	5,770	94.3	4,563	74.6	1,207	19.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1975—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Population	Enrolled in school						Not enrolled in school					
		Total		Below college level[1]		In college		Total		High school graduate		Not high school graduate	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
BLACK													
Total, 3 to 34 years	14,543	8,400	57.8	7,452	51.2	948	6.5	6,144	42.2	3,350	23.0	2,793	19.2
3 and 4 years	1,007	344	34.2	344	34.2	-	-	663	65.8	-	-	663	65.8
5 and 6 years	1,029	972	94.4	972	94.4	-	-	57	5.6	-	-	57	5.6
7 to 9 years	1,505	1,494	99.3	1,494	99.3	-	-	11	0.7	-	-	11	0.7
10 to 13 years	2,286	2,265	99.1	2,265	99.1	-	-	21	0.9	-	-	21	0.9
14 and 15 years	1,182	1,151	97.4	1,150	97.3	1	0.1	31	2.6	-	-	31	2.6
16 and 17 years	1,137	987	86.9	954	83.9	33	2.9	149	13.1	33	2.9	116	10.2
18 and 19 years	1,030	485	47.1	225	21.8	260	25.3	544	52.9	283	27.5	262	25.4
20 and 21 years	967	262	27.1	25	2.6	237	24.5	704	72.9	427	44.1	278	28.7
22 to 24 years	1,216	173	14.2	4	0.4	168	13.8	1,043	85.8	706	58.0	337	27.8
25 to 29 years	1,728	163	9.4	12	0.7	151	8.7	1,565	90.6	1,083	62.7	482	27.9
30 to 34 years	1,458	103	7.1	6	0.4	97	6.7	1,355	92.9	819	56.2	536	36.8
Male, 3 to 34 years	6,946	4,199	60.5	3,757	54.1	442	6.4	2,747	39.5	1,473	21.2	1,274	18.3
3 and 4 years	505	157	31.1	157	31.1	-	-	348	68.9	-	-	348	68.9
5 and 6 years	519	492	94.9	492	94.9	-	-	27	5.1	-	-	27	5.1
7 to 9 years	754	750	99.4	750	99.4	-	-	4	0.6	-	-	4	0.6
10 to 13 years	1,147	1,134	98.9	1,134	98.9	-	-	13	1.1	-	-	13	1.1
14 and 15 years	603	588	97.6	588	97.6	-	-	15	2.4	-	-	15	2.4
16 and 17 years	555	490	88.2	475	85.6	14	2.6	66	11.8	12	2.1	54	9.7
18 and 19 years	476	238	49.9	127	26.7	111	23.2	238	50.1	106	22.3	132	27.7
20 and 21 years	435	125	28.7	18	4.2	107	24.5	310	71.3	177	40.8	132	30.4
22 to 24 years	540	79	14.7	3	0.6	76	14.1	460	85.3	320	59.3	140	25.9
25 to 29 years	773	91	11.8	10	1.2	82	10.6	682	88.2	485	62.7	197	25.5
30 to 34 years	640	55	8.6	2	0.3	53	8.3	585	91.4	373	58.3	212	33.1
Female, 3 to 34 years	7,597	4,200	55.3	3,695	48.6	506	6.7	3,397	44.7	1,877	24.7	1,520	20.0
3 and 4 years	502	187	37.3	187	37.3	-	-	315	62.7	-	-	315	62.7
5 and 6 years	510	479	94.0	479	94.0	-	-	31	6.0	-	-	31	6.0
7 to 9 years	751	744	99.2	744	99.2	-	-	6	0.8	-	-	6	0.8
10 to 13 years	1,139	1,131	99.3	1,131	99.3	-	-	8	0.7	-	-	8	0.7
14 and 15 years	579	562	97.2	561	96.9	1	0.2	16	2.8	-	-	16	2.8
16 and 17 years	582	498	85.6	479	82.4	19	3.2	84	14.4	22	3.8	62	10.7
18 and 19 years	553	247	44.7	98	17.6	150	27.0	306	55.3	176	31.9	130	23.4
20 and 21 years	532	137	25.8	7	1.3	130	24.5	395	74.2	249	46.8	146	27.3
22 to 24 years	676	93	13.8	1	0.2	92	13.6	583	86.2	385	57.0	197	29.2
25 to 29 years	955	72	7.5	3	0.3	69	7.2	884	92.5	598	62.6	285	29.9
30 to 34 years	818	48	5.9	4	0.4	44	5.4	770	94.1	446	54.5	324	39.6
SPANISH ORIGIN													
Total, 3 to 34 years	6,825	3,741	54.8	3,330	48.8	411	6.0	3,084	45.2	1,345	19.7	1,738	25.5
3 and 4 years	441	120	27.3	120	27.3	-	-	320	72.7	-	-	320	72.7
5 and 6 years	507	467	92.1	467	92.1	-	-	40	7.9	-	-	40	7.9
7 to 9 years	689	686	99.6	686	99.6	-	-	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.4
10 to 13 years	1,040	1,032	99.2	1,032	99.2	-	-	8	0.8	-	-	8	0.8
14 and 15 years	490	469	95.6	469	95.6	-	-	21	4.4	2	0.4	20	4.0
16 and 17 years	515	444	86.2	430	83.6	13	2.6	71	13.8	3	0.6	68	13.2
18 and 19 years	489	215	44.0	97	19.9	118	24.1	274	56.0	127	25.9	147	30.1
20 and 21 years	410	113	27.5	11	2.8	101	24.7	297	72.5	168	40.9	130	31.6
22 to 24 years	547	77	14.1	2	0.3	76	13.8	470	85.9	242	44.2	228	41.7
25 to 29 years	894	74	8.3	6	0.7	68	7.6	820	91.7	437	48.8	383	42.9
30 to 34 years	803	44	5.5	10	1.2	35	4.3	758	94.5	367	45.8	391	48.7
Male, 3 to 34 years	3,345	1,944	58.1	1,725	51.6	219	6.5	1,402	41.9	612	18.3	790	23.6
3 and 4 years	230	61	26.7	61	26.7	-	-	169	73.3	-	-	169	73.3
5 and 6 years	247	221	89.7	221	89.7	-	-	25	10.3	-	-	25	10.3
7 to 9 years	370	369	99.6	369	99.6	-	-	1	0.4	-	-	1	0.4
10 to 13 years	530	524	98.8	524	98.8	-	-	6	1.2	-	-	6	1.2
14 and 15 years	249	243	97.4	243	97.4	-	-	7	2.6	2	0.7	5	1.9
16 and 17 years	262	232	88.3	229	87.2	3	1.2	31	11.7	2	0.6	29	11.1
18 and 19 years	229	119	51.9	65	28.5	53	23.4	110	48.1	50	21.8	60	26.3
20 and 21 years	187	58	31.3	7	3.6	52	27.7	128	68.7	72	38.5	56	30.2
22 to 24 years	262	42	15.9	2	0.6	40	15.3	221	84.1	116	44.1	105	40.0
25 to 29 years	406	48	11.9	3	0.8	45	11.1	357	88.1	193	47.5	165	40.6
30 to 34 years	373	27	7.2	2	0.4	25	6.7	346	92.8	178	47.8	168	45.0
Female, 3 to 34 years	3,479	1,797	51.7	1,605	46.1	192	5.5	1,682	48.3	733	21.1	949	27.3
3 and 4 years	210	59	27.9	59	27.9	-	-	152	72.1	-	-	152	72.1
5 and 6 years	260	245	94.4	245	94.4	-	-	14	5.6	-	-	14	5.6
7 to 9 years	319	317	99.5	317	99.5	-	-	2	0.5	-	-	2	0.5
10 to 13 years	510	508	99.7	508	99.7	-	-	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3
14 and 15 years	241	226	93.8	226	93.8	-	-	15	6.2	-	-	15	6.2
16 and 17 years	253	212	84.0	202	79.9	10	4.1	40	16.0	1	0.5	39	15.5
18 and 19 years	261	97	37.1	32	12.3	65	24.8	164	62.9	77	29.5	87	33.5
20 and 21 years	223	54	24.3	5	2.1	49	22.2	169	75.7	96	43.0	73	32.7
22 to 24 years	285	36	12.5	-	-	36	12.5	249	87.5	126	44.3	123	43.2
25 to 29 years	488	26	5.3	3	0.7	23	4.6	463	94.7	244	49.9	219	44.8
30 to 34 years	430	18	4.1	8	1.9	10	2.2	412	95.9	189	44.0	223	51.9

- Represents zero.

[1] Includes nursery school, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12.

Note: Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of Data. The estimates for the school enrollment population for 1975 are based on data obtained in October of 1975 in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample is spread over 461 areas comprising 923 counties and independent cities with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In the sample, approximately 47,000 occupied households are eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 47,000, there are also about 8,000 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race (White, Black, and other), and sex. These independent estimates are based on statistics from the 1970 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the Estimates. Since the CPS estimates in this report are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey—sampling and nonsampling. For estimates in this report indications of the magnitude of sampling error are provided but the extent of nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

Sampling variability. The standard errors presented in table B are primarily measures of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population was surveyed. As calculated, the standard error also partially measures the effect of certain response and enumeration errors, but it does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that this difference would be less than 1.6 times the standard error, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

All statements of comparison in the text are significant at a 1.6 standard error level or better, and most are significant at a level of more than 2.0 standard errors. This means that for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. Statements of comparison qualified in some way (e.g., by the use of the phrase, "some evidence") have a level of significance between 1.6 and 2.0 standard errors.

Note when using small estimates. Percent distributions are shown in the report only when the base of the percentage is greater than 75,000. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that percentages would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated totals are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these totals are larger than those for the corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

Standard Errors for Data Based on CPS. Since this is an advance report, standard errors are provided in table B for estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

More detailed standard error tables for each characteristic of interest, for estimated numbers of persons or families and estimated percentages, are provided in the detailed report for 1974 in this series. A more complete source and reliability statement for the 1975 data will be published with the forthcoming 1975 main report.

Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Estimated Percentages. The forthcoming detailed report will include formulas (1) and (2) below with which standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages, respectively, can be computed directly. These formulas are as follows:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad . \qquad (F.1)$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$\sigma_{x,p} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} \cdot p \cdot (100-p)} \qquad (F.2)$$

Here x is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 \leq p \leq 100$), and b is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table A below provides the values of the a and b parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2), to create standard errors of estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages.

Table A. Parameters to be Used for Each School Enrollment Characteristic

Characteristic	Parameters	
	a	b
Educational attainment and school enrollment:		
Total or White	-0.000016	2064.3452
Black or other	-0.000186	2791.7805
Kindergarten and nursery school enrollment	-0.000126	1738.0412

Table B. Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Estimated Percentages of Persons, Total, White, and Black Population 3 to 34 Years Old Enrolled in School: October 1975

(Numbers in thousands. 68 chances out of 100)

Enrollment and age	Estimated numbers of persons			Standard errors of estimated numbers of persons		
	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
TYPE OF ENROLLMENT						
Total enrolled	60,969	51,430	8,400	355	326	102
Nursery	1,748	1,432	276	52	47	22
Private	1,174	1,040	105	43	41	13
Kindergarten	3,393	2,845	468	67	63	28
Private	542	483	42	30	28	9
Elementary	30,446	25,412	4,509	251	229	94
Private	3,279	3,059	165	82	79	21
High school	15,685	13,224	2,199	180	165	72
Private	1,178	1,110	59	49	48	13
College	9,697	8,516	948	136	128	50
Private	1,994	1,792	166	64	60	21
Full time	7,098	6,180	740	118	110	44
	Estimated percent enrolled			Standard errors of estimated percentages		
AGE						
3 and 4 years	31.5	30.8	34.2	1.3	1.5	3.4
5 and 6 years	94.7	94.8	94.4	0.4	0.8	1.0
7 to 13 years	99.3	99.3	99.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
14 and 15 years	98.2	98.3	97.4	0.2	0.2	0.8
16 and 17 years	89.0	89.3	86.9	0.5	0.6	1.8
18 and 19 years	46.9	46.5	47.1	1.2	1.3	3.8
20 and 21 years	31.2	31.8	27.1	1.4	1.5	4.6
22 to 24 years	16.2	16.3	14.2	1.3	1.3	4.4
25 to 29 years	10.1	10.0	9.4	1.1	1.1	3.8
30 to 34 years	6.6	6.6	7.1	1.2	1.3	4.2